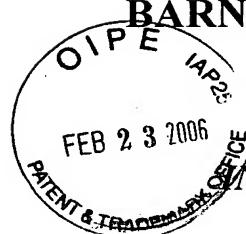


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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2006, applicants elect Group II, claims 10-20 and 22. Applicants also elect 10 nucleotide sequences as indicated in the amended claims.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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